



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending March 15, 2013

Paul Eldredge, City Manager



ADMINISTRATION

Earth Hour 2013

On Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 p.m., hundreds of millions of people around the world will turn off their lights for one hour during Earth Hour, WWF's (World Wildlife Fund's) annual campaign to raise awareness of the environmental challenges we all face, such as climate change.

Residents of Brentwood may participate in Earth Hour simply by turning off their lights for one hour. To learn more about Earth Hour, please visit <http://worldwildlife.org/earthhour>.

Science on Saturday Returning to Brentwood

On Saturday, April 20, the Lawrence Livermore National Lab will hold its Science on Saturday program in the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street), from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Although aimed at middle and high school students, this event will provide Brentwood residents of all ages the chance to learn from Lab scientists about artificial retinas – technology that provides sight to people with certain types of blindness. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Grove Project

The Grove at Sunset Court project has started installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure in some of the buildings. The roof framing has been completed on all residential buildings. The on-site Community Center is close to having its roof framing completed. Painted exterior siding and interior sheetrock installation is underway. According to the project team, siding on the units should be completed by mid-April on all residential buildings.





Siding installation at Building D of the Grove at Sunset Court

Economic Development

Staff attended ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) Idea Exchange convention on March 13 and 14 in Monterey. This event brings together leasing executives, developers, brokers, property managers and retailers who are actively looking to facilitate transactions, and allows staff to have personal meetings with these significant representatives.

General Plan Update

The General Plan Update Working Group will begin a series of public meetings, expected to be held regularly on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Center's second floor conference room. The first meeting is scheduled for March 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The focus of this meeting will be establishing the framework for subsequent meetings and discussing roles, responsibilities, and expectations. The public is encouraged to attend this and subsequent meetings. Meeting agendas will be posted at both the Community Center and City Hall, as well as on the City's website. For more information about these meetings or the project as a whole, please contact Taira Ordaz in the Community Development Department at (925) 516-5132 or tordaz@brentwoodca.gov.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

Lunch with Bunny

Celebrate spring at the Lunch with Bunny event on Saturday, March 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street). This event, for children ages 3 to 10 and their parents, will feature lunch, a visit with the Easter Bunny, face painting, cookie decorating and other spring activities. Tickets are \$8 per person and are available until March 18, or until sold out. For more information, or to register, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (925) 516-5444.

Spring Bocce League

The Spring 50+ Senior Bocce League began the 2013 season on Thursday, March 14, at the newly expanded and renovated Veterans Park Bocce Courts. This season, 14 teams will be competing in two leagues that will be playing on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for the next 12 weeks.

Spring Adult Softball League

The Spring Adult Softball season has started at Sunset Park Athletic Complex. Game nights are Tuesdays for the coed division and Thursdays and Fridays for men's divisions. 80 teams will be participating in this eight-game season with the top four teams in each division competing in a playoff for the division champion title.

PUBLIC WORKS

PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Update

As a part of PG&E's multi-year Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, PG&E is replacing an old existing gas pipeline with a new 24-inch gas pipeline in Fairview Avenue. The current areas of pipe placement work on Fairview Avenue are: southbound from San Jose Avenue to approximately 500 feet south of Buena Vista Street; northbound from Summerwood Drive to approximately 300 feet north; and southbound from Central Boulevard to Balfour Road. There will also be paving work from southbound Sand Creek Road to San Jose Avenue. Traffic delays and detours should be expected in these areas. For the next two weeks, during the school spring break, PG&E will be working between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Tony Del Greco of PG&E at (510) 846-1397. The latest traffic alert information associated with this work can be found on the City of Brentwood's website by clicking on the following link: [Road Conditions](#).

Landscape Improvements for Los Nogales and John Muir Parkway Projects

The City is preparing to start work on two landscaping projects. The first is the Los Nogales project located along the westerly shoulder of Walnut Boulevard between the Food Maxx store and McClarren Road. The second is along the westerly shoulder of John Muir Parkway between Ventura Drive and Thomas Road. Bids for these projects were opened this week and a total of eight bids were received. Staff will be making the recommendation at the March 26 City Council meeting to award the construction contract to the apparent low bidder, Green Valley Group of Livermore.

State Route 4 ("SR4") Interchange Project - San Jose Avenue

As part of the SR4 Widening, the contractor will be performing work on San Jose Avenue for completion of the new SR4 Bridge over San Jose Avenue. To ensure crew and public safety during this work, San Jose Avenue between St. Regis Avenue and Santa Margarita Road will be closed to all vehicular traffic and pedestrians during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., from Monday, March 18 to Wednesday, March 20. For more information please contact the project hotline number at (925) 206-3002 or go to www.4eastcounty.org.

Solid Waste Transfer Station Expansion Project

Construction continues to progress at the City's Corporation Yard for the new Solid Waste Transfer Station. Below are photos showing the installation of structural steel members of the transfer station building, and block wall construction of the operations building.



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LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY PRESENTS
SCIENCE ON SATURDAY

RESTORING SIGHT TO THE BLIND

BRIDGING THE MEDICAL GAP WITH TECHNOLOGY

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City of Brentwood

LOCATION: Community Center - 35 Oak Street - Brentwood, CA 94513-1164

DATE: April 20, 2013

TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Students, teachers and parents are invited to attend Science on Saturday (SOS). SOS provides science talks with demonstrations highlighting cutting edge science at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

FREE OF CHARGE

